

# MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz (Chair), Josh Wharehinga (Deputy Chair), Colin Alder, Andy Cranston, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Rawinia Parata, Aubrey Ria, Tony Robinson, Rob Telfer, Teddy Thompson, Rhona Tibble and Nick Tupara.

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## **MINUTES of the FINANCE & PERFORMANCE/WHAKAHAERE PŪTEA ME ŌNA HUA Committee**

**Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Meeting Room), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 9:00AM.**

### PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Colin Alder, Andy Cranston, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Rawinia Parata, Aubrey Ria, Tony Robinson, Rob Telfer, Daniel Thompson, Rhonda Tibble, Josh Wharehinga.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Liveable Communities Michele Frey, Director Engagement & Maori Responsiveness Anita Reedy-Holthausen, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Charlotte Taylor.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

### **1. Apologies**

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Wharehinga  
That the apologies from Cr Ria, Cr Tupara be sustained.

**CARRIED**

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

### **3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes**

#### **3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 2 March 2023**

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Minutes of 2 March 2023 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### **3.2 Action Sheet**

Noted.

### **4. Leave of Absence**

There were no leaves of absence.

### **5. Acknowledgements and Tributes**

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

### **6. Public Input and Petitions**

There were no public input or petitions

### **7. Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

### **8. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

### **9. Adjourned Business**

There was no adjourned business.

## **10. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION**

### **10.1 23-78 Local Government Funding Agency Report to 31 December 2022**

- We are not big enough yet for the climate action loan, but it may be something in the future that could be relevant to us and what we do.
- Short term loans determination is usually up to 12 months.

MOVED by Cr Tibble, seconded by Cr Gregory

That the Finance & Performance/Whakahaere Pūtea me Ōna Hua Committee:

1. Approves the draft Statement of Intent for 2023-2026.

**CARRIED**

### **10.2 23-82 Regional Software Holdings Limited Update Cover Report**

- Environmental monitoring is the programme we primarily use.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Robinson

That the Finance & Performance/Whakahaere Pūtea me Ōna Hua Committee:

1. Approves the Draft 2024 Statement of Intent.

**CARRIED**

### 10.3 23-66 **BOPLASS Statement of Intent and Half Yearly Financial Report to 31 December 2022**

- It is possible to be part of more than one LASS - so we could be with Bay of Plenty as well as Hawkes Bay if decided to.

MOVED by Cr Gregory, seconded by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai

That the Finance & Performance/Whakahaere Pūtea me Ōna Hua Committee:

1. Approves the Draft 2023-2026 Statement of Intent.

**CARRIED**

## 11. **Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION**

### 1.1 23-73 **Strategic Review of Māori Freehold Land**

Mayor Stoltz acknowledged ex Cr Burdett for his past work in this space.

Presentation from Daran Ponter (Ponter Amor Consulting) and Leigh Halstead (Halstead Consultancy).

Discussions included:

- Gisborne District Council leading the way with current rating of Māori land.
- Chief Executive has the ability to write-off rates for unused Māori land.
- General rate is based on value of property so is considered to be a more equitable area of rating.
- Valuers have guidance on how to value Papakaianga properties that wish to be sold - there are occasional sales of this land however the sales are not consistent.
- In terms of our policies, anything that is deemed unrecoverable becomes a debt across the district. Our Revenue and Financing Policy sets the rules for how we collect the rates.
- Legislation empowers the Chief Executive to make decisions, when it is stated within the Act that it is at the CE's discretion.
- Part of the Rates Remission Policy process will be about making sure policies are translated and understood by Māori landowners and take into account any unintended consequences resulting from the way we rate.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai

That the Finance & Performance/Whakahaere Pūtea me Ōna Hua Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned at 10:00am for morning tea and reconvened at 10:15am.

### 11.2 23-89 Financial Report to 28 February 2023

- Because the report is up to the 28th of February only the initial response costs are included for Cyclone Gabriele.
- There is \$80k budgeted for woody debris removal yearly. December YTD total costs for woody debris removal is \$320k.
- Delays experienced regarding DrainWise have been due to the significant adverse weather events
- Staff are now in the process of working out what will be completed within the 1000 Year Bridge budget for this year, and what will be carried over.

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Alder

That the Finance & Performance/Whakahaere Pūtea me Ōna Hua Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

### 11.3 23-71 Rates and Sundry Invoice Debt Management to February 2023

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Thompson

That the Finance & Performance/Whakahaere Pūtea me Ōna Hua Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

### 11.4 23-5 Quarterly Activity Report – Quarter Two Financial Year 2022/23

- Time to have a look at a refresh and reset our targets in terms of serving our community better with public transport - this is an important service for our community.
- The bus targets come from the Regional Public Transport Plan which outlines our objectives and aims for public transport. This is done through the Regional Transport Committee and coincides with the Long Term Plan.
- The Regional Transport Committee is overseeing a review of the public transport network.
- The process around speed humps in neighbourhoods is driven by a petition from residents, consideration by Council, Long Term Plan approval for funding, and staff assessment and investigation.
- Engineers model the rivers to assess where flooding will occur before extending the stopbanks.

- River Licensing is the bank between the river and the land the Council owns, this can have licenses issued to farmers who want to graze it.
- Stocktake process is a piece of work to assess all our arrangements across Council with iwi and hapu, to understand the purpose and the resourcing components for them and to ensure they are relevant, up to date and align expectations with delivery. Some of the stocktake findings have been that we have Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) in place which are non-functional i.e. have not progressed, have not been signed or are no longer fit for purpose. The stocktake is to ensure we have up to date relevant MOUs, and we have the resourcing to support.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Finance & Performance/Whakahaere Pūtea me Ōna Hua Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

## **12. Public Excluded Business**

**Secretarial Note:** These Minutes include a public excluded section. They have been separated for receipt in Section 12 Public Excluded Business of Council.

## **14. READMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai

That the Finance & Performance/Whakahaere Pūtea me Ōna Hua Committee:

1. Re-admits the public.

**CARRIED**

## **14. Close of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12:45 pm.

Rehette Stoltz  
**MAYOR**